Export of Tractors

3302. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of tractors by India is gradually declining;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to increase the export of tractors ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Export of tractors from India during the last 4 years was as follows :

1988-89	340.04
1989-90	810.32
1990-91	481.56
1991-92	475.01

(*Source* : Engineering Export Promotion Council)

(b) The major reasons for the decline in export of tractors from India are failure to find extensive market in the developed countries, deteriorating foreign exchange situation in African countries and their poor buying capacity, comparative cheaper imports of second hand tractors by South East Asian Countries from developed countries and disintegration of erstwhile USSR.

(c) Promotion of exports has been the constant endeavour of the Government. Facility of conversion of entire export earnings at market rate of exchange, provision of inputs for export production at international prices and exemption of income from exports from income tax are some of the important steps taken to boost exports including those of tractors.

व्यापार विकास प्राधिकरण का कार्यकरण

3303. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि व्यापार विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा सहायता प्रदान किए जाने के बावजूद व्यापार में लगातार कमी आती जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) व्यापार विकास प्राधिकरण के खर्च को कम करने तथा यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि इस प्राधिकरण के माध्यम से व्यापार में वृद्धि हो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान सरकार ने क्या प्रयास किए हैं ?

वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक आपूर्ति उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) और (ख) भूतपूर्व व्यापार विकास प्राधिकरण वास्तविक व्यापार कार्य नहीं करता था और इसलिए व्यापार विकास प्राधिकरण के जरिए व्यापार में गिरावट का प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिए संस्थागत व्यवस्था मजबूत करने की दृष्टि से भूतपूर्व व्यापार विकास प्राधिकरण और भूतपूर्व भारतीय व्यापार मेला प्राधिकरण को 1-1-1992 से मिलाकर "इंडिया ट्रेड प्रमोशन आर्गनाइजेशन" के नाम से एक समेकित संगठन बना दिया गया है । इस संगठन का उद्देश्य, अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ, दोहरा क्रियाकलाप बचाकर व्यापार और उद्योग क्षेत्र को अधिक समन्वित सेवाएं उपलब्ध कराना है ।

Special Import Licence Scheme

3304. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any criteria has been fixed for obtaining licence under the Special Import Licence Scheme;

(b) what are the names of consumer goods which are likely to be imported; and

(c) what are the categories of businessmen/traders likely to be benefited from the above scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) The criteria and the items of import against Special Import Licence are given in the Public Notice No. 64/(PN)/92-97 dated 21-10-1992, a copy of which is available in the Parliament Library.

(c) The benefit of Special Import Licence is allowed for Deemed exports, Export House, Trading House, Star Trading House and manufacturers who have ecquired internationally recognised certification of quality. The licences are freely tradeable.

Import of A.C. Cars and Coaches without Licence

3305. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to import air conditioned cars and AC coaches required for the development of tourism in the country without a licence; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details in this regard are contained in Ministry of Commerce Public Notice No. 100(PN)/92-93 dated 3-2-1993, copies of which are available in the Parliament library.

Production and Export of Tea

3306. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the tea industry has suffered a major setback over the last two years following break-up of the erstwhile USSR;

(b) if so, what are the total production and export of tea during the last three years alongwith the targets fixed;

(c) whether a tea convention was held recently to formulate a strategy for responding to the stiff competition in international market;

(d) what are the observations made in the convention alongwith Government's reaction thereon; and

(e) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government for pushing up tea exports to the hard currency areas ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) The tea industry is facing problems on account of disintegration of erstwhile USSR and reduced purchase by CIS countries, which were major buyers of Indian tea.

(b) Data regarding production of tea is maintained on a calendar year basis. Production during the past 3 years vis-a-vis the targets has been as under :—

(Production Mn Kgs.)

Year	Target	Achievement
1990	720	720.34
1991	735	741.72 (estimated)
1992	765	703.93 (estimated)